

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Forests – Wildlife – Payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human beings and cattle killed due to attack of wild animals – Enhancement of amount – Revised Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.90

Dated: 01-08-2011

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No: 112, EFS & T (For.III) Department, Dt: 3.8.1998
2. From the Prl. CCF, Lr.Rc.No.49889/2007/WL-3, Dt.3-11-2007.
3. From the Prl. CCF (WL) & CWLW , Lr.Rc.No.49889/2007/WL-3, Dt.23-1-2010.
4. Govt.Memo.No.8531/For.II(2)/2007, Dt.20-10-2010.
5. From the Prl. CCF, Lr.Rc.No.49889/2007/WL-3, Dt.22-10-2010.

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued fixing the extent of compensation payable to the victims and farmers whose crop has been damaged due to Wildlife attack.

2. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that the above orders were issued in the year 1998. During the past decade, the wild animal populations of certain species like wild boar, blackbuck and monkeys have increased many folds whereas their habitat decreased and this has resulted in animals viz., the herbivores, straying into crop fields, panthers and sloth bears in search of food and water go to the areas outside the reserve forests. These situations resulted in severe man-wild animal conflicts which necessitated payment of compensations for loss of human lives, cattle and crop damages. He has, therefore, submitted proposals for enhancing the payment of compensation and requested the Government to issue necessary orders.

3. Government, after careful examination and in supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. first read above, hereby approve the proposals and order for revision of payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human beings, and cattle killed and houses and crops etc. damaged due to attack of tigers or other wild animals in the State, as specified in Appendix-I, II, III & IV to this order.

4. The expenditure on this account shall be debitable to the following Head of Account:-

"2406	-	Forestry & Wildlife
02	-	Environmental Forestry & Wildlife
M.H.110	-	Wildlife Preservation
S.H. (07)-	-	Wildlife Compensation for loss of life or injury to human lives and cattle killed due to attack of wild animals (to be opened)
500	-	Other Charges
503	-	Other expenditure

5. The Conservator of Forests / Deputy Chief Wildlife Warden and in certain cases as specified in the appendices, the Divisional Forest Officer / the Wildlife Warden having jurisdiction over the area are authorized to incur expenditure under the above head of account. They are also authorized to incur expenditure under the above head of account in relaxation of Treasury control orders pending provision of funds either by way of reappropriation of savings available within the grant or by obtaining supplementary grant as the case may be during that financial year.

6. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take necessary action for providing funds in the Budget under the above head of accounts. He is also requested to see that the accounts are rendered to the Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for the expenditure incurred under the above head of account by the Conservator of Forests /Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Exp.M&F) Department vide their U.O.No.13045/55/A2/Expr.(M&F)/11, Dt.27-06-2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI
Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Account General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
All District Collectors.
The Finance (Expr.M&F / BG.I / BG.V) Department.
The Law (B) Department.
The Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi.
The Secretary, A.. Civil Liberties Committee, Balaji Colony, Tirupathi.
Director, A.P. State Office, World Wide Fund for Nature India, Block-2, Flat – 4, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad.
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APPENDIX-I

**PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO CATTLE KILLED
BY CARNIVORES IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

The financial assistance as compensation for death of domestic cattle (which term includes Buffalo's, Bullocks, bulls, Cows, Sheep and their young ones but does not include Goats & Camels inside sanctuary) killed by a carnivore which term for the purpose of this rule includes, hyena, Wolf, Wild Dog, Bear, Panther, crocodile and Tiger shall be given subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Compensation will be payable when any cattle is killed by a Carnivore, No compensation shall however be paid for migratory cattle killed inside the Sanctuary.
2. No compensation shall be paid for any cattle killed in a National park.
3. Information regarding the kill of cattle by a Carnivore should be given to the nearest Forest Officer by the owner within 48 hours i.e., (2 days) of the killing.
4. Under no circumstances the cattle killed be shifted from the place where it was killed or found left by the Carnivore till it is inspected by a Forest Officer, not below the rank of a Forest Beat Officer.
5. There should be no case of wildlife killed due to poisoning within (6) days from the date of kill within 10 Kms. from the place of cattle kill.
6. No compensation is to be paid to the owner if it is found that the cattle were not authorized to graze in the area.
7. The incident of cattle killed by a carnivore should be certified by Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Section Officer/Forester who will verify the age, general health and also estimate the value of the cattle killed, upon conduct of Panchanama.
8. The amount of compensation shall be the market value of the cattle killed as assessed by live-stock Inspector or Veterinary Officer or village Sarpanch as per availability.
9. The Concerned Divisional Forest Officer / Wildlife Warden / Assistant Conservator of Forests in whose jurisdiction the cattle kill has occurred shall sanction the compensation to the owner of the cattle killed.
10. The full compensation can be paid in cash/draft/cheque as desired by the villager in the presence of two local panchas, including the village Sarpanch.

APPENDIX-II

PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA FOR HUMAN INJURY OR DEATH DUE TO ATTACK BY WILD ANIMALS IN ANDHRA PRADESH.

Ex-gratia will be payable towards injury or loss of human life by any wild animal except Snakes and Monkeys in the State on fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Spot inspections should be done preferably within two days, if it is loss of life, by a Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Range Officer or by a Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector.
2. A Medical Certificate as to the cause of injury or loss of life will be necessary from a Government Doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon, in respect of such happening.
3. The person should not have violated the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 during the attack by Wild animal.
4. The ex-gratia granted will be paid to the person injured or to the legal heir in the case of death of the person.
5. The maximum limit of Ex-gratia, shall not exceed **Rs.2,50,000/-** in case of loss of human life. Half of the amount shall be paid in cash through Demand Draft and remaining shall be paid through long term deposits. Funeral charges of **Rs.2,000/-** shall be paid on the same day of the death by the Divisional Forest Officer which will be deducted from the Ex-gratia sanctioned.
6. In case of grievous injury an amount of **Rs.75,000/-** shall be paid for the following:-
 - a. Total permanent disablement resulting in disqualification to continue in any avocation.
 - b. Grievous hurt falling within section 320 of the Indian Penal Code.
 - A. Emasculation.
 - B. Permanent privation of sight of either eye.
 - C. Privation of any member of joint of the body.
 - D. Destruction or permanent impairing of powers of any member of joint of the body.
 - E. Permanent disfiguration of face or head.
7. In case of minor injury the actual cost of medical treatment shall be paid on production of medical bill certified by a Government doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon and the treatment should preferably be taken in a Government Hospital.

However in case of injury or hospitalization of the victim, advance payment upto a maximum of **Rs.10,000/-** to be paid upon sanction by the Divisional Forest Officer / Wildlife Warden having jurisdiction over the area in consultation with the hospital authorities to be adjusted in final payment.

APPENDIX-III

**PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA FOR DAMAGE TO HOUSES OR CROP OR ANY
OTHER PROPERTY DUE TO ATTACK BY THE WILD ANIMAL
IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

The compensation for damage to house or crop or any other property shall be paid as follows:-

- a) Damage to house or property: – The actual value as assessed by the Mandal Revenue Officer / Tahsildar concerned.
- b) The damages caused to crop the compensation shall be paid as follows:-
 - 1) The damage caused to agricultural crop other than paddy and sugarcane be paid upto **Rs.6,000/-** per acre.
 - 2) The compensation for the damages caused to paddy crop be paid upto **Rs.6,000/-** per acre if entire crops is damaged.
 - 3) The compensation for the damage caused to sugarcane crop may be paid upto **Rs.6,000/-** per acre, if entire crop is damaged.
 - 4) The compensation for the damage caused to grown up Mango Trees and Coconut Trees may be paid up to **Rs.1,500/-** per tree, for total damage of trees.
 - 5) Damage to Horticulture Crops like Banana and Citrus Fruit Trees, be compensated based on the assessment of Revenue Officials.

Provided that where the damage is caused by wild animals namely, wild boar, deer and antelopes, gaur and Indian elephant.

1. Complaint of crop damage has been lodged within three days to nearest Forest Beat Officer / Forest Section Officer or Forest Range Officer.
2. Verification of crop damage initially has been carried out by a committee of Forest Section Officer, Agriculture Officer and the village Sarpanch, by drawing a Panchanama.

The following cases are not eligible for payment of compensation:

- a. Forest land under encroachment.
- b. Person against whom any offence has been booked under A.P. Forest Act, 1967 or Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- c. Villages from which poaching cases had been reported during last one month.

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APPENDIX –IV

REWARDS TO INFORMATION OF DEATH OF SCHEDULE ANIMALS

Persons giving information on death of wild animals included in schedules to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 with their amendments, from time to time shall be rewarded as follows:-

1. Information on death of Tiger, Panther and Elephant leading to tracing of the dead body. :: **Rs.500/-** each case
2. Information leading to recovery of dead body of Tiger or Panther due to poisoning :: **Rs.2,000/-** each case
3. Information leading to apprehension of offenders in cases of hunting / Poaching (Sch-I animal) :: **Rs.5,000/-** each case
4. Information leading to arrest of culprit in case of other animals included in schedules listed under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. :: **Rs.200/-** each case
5. Information leading to detection of trading of Tiger Skins / Bones / nails and vital Organs. :: **Rs.10,000/-** each case

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